

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming device comprising:
a control unit for accepting reservations ~~of~~ for a plurality
of jobs ~~including an~~ that include image forming processing, and
for carrying out ~~a job~~ successive job execution ~~which starts in~~
5 which a next job is started during an image forming of a last
page of a current job, based on the plurality of jobs ~~of~~ for
which the reservations are accepted; and

a conveyance path for conveying a transfer paper ~~[[,]]~~ from
a start of ~~a feed~~ feeding of the transfer paper to an end of ~~an~~
10 ~~exit~~ exiting of the transfer paper;

an image forming unit for forming and outputting an image on
the transfer paper, based on an instruction from the control
unit,

wherein the control unit sets a number of reservation
15 acceptable jobs $N2$ to satisfy $N2 \geq N1$, based on the number $N1$,
where $N1$ is a ~~in a case that the~~ maximum number of the conveyed
transfer ~~paper existing~~ papers that can be present at the same
time on the conveyance path of the transfer paper from the start
of the ~~feed~~ feeding to the end of the ~~exit~~ exiting in the image
20 forming device, ~~is defined as $N1$, and the number of reservation~~
~~acceptable jobs is defined as $N2$, the control unit sets the~~
~~number $N2$ as $N2 \geq 1$, and~~ the control unit manages acceptance of

the reservations for the jobs according to the set number N2 of the reservation acceptable jobs.

2. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 1, further comprising:

an image reading unit, wherein the image forming unit forms the image based on ~~an~~ image data read by the image reading unit.

3. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 1, wherein when N2 number of reservations have been accepted by the control unit, the control unit ~~is capable of accepting~~ can accept a reservation of a new job ~~by exiting~~ when the last page of the current job exits the conveyance path.

4. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 1, wherein the control unit receives the ~~maximum~~ number N1 ~~of the conveyed transfer paper existing at the same time on the conveyance path of the transfer paper from the start of the feed~~
5 ~~to the end of the exit in the image forming device,~~ based on a main body identification signal.

5. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 4, wherein the control unit sets the number N2 of the reservation

acceptable jobs [[,]] based on the number N1 received based on the main body identification signal.

6. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit, ~~for displaying various information,~~

wherein the control unit carries out a display on the display unit according to the set number N2 of the reservation acceptable jobs.

7. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 6, wherein the display unit displays a tag or a job display area, ~~which correspond~~ corresponding to the ~~decided~~ set number N2 of the reservation acceptable jobs.

8. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit, ~~for displaying various information,~~

wherein the control unit controls the display unit to display ~~the job display area, the~~ a number of ~~the~~ job display areas corresponding to the number N2 of the reservation acceptable jobs, and the control unit controls the display unit to assign information about the ~~job, of~~ jobs for which the

10 ~~reservation is~~ reservations are accepted ~~[[,]]~~ to ~~each~~ the job
display ~~area~~ areas in one to one relation.

5 9. (Currently Amended) The image forming device of claim 1,
wherein the image forming device is connectable with a finisher,
and ~~wherein the control device sets the number N2 of the~~
~~reservation acceptable jobs as $N2 \geq N1$, with respect to the~~
maximum number N1, based on which the control unit sets the
number N2, of the conveyed transfer paper exiting at the same
~~time according to the conveyance path which is variable according~~
~~to a model of the finisher and presence or absence of connection~~
~~of~~ according to whether the image forming device is connected
10 with the finisher.

10. (Currently Amended) An image forming method for an
image forming device, comprising:

accepting reservations ~~of~~ for a plurality of jobs ~~including~~
~~an~~ that include image forming processing;

5 carrying out ~~a job~~ successive job execution in which ~~starts~~
a next job is started during an image forming of a last page of a
current job, based on the plurality of jobs ~~of~~ for which the
reservations are accepted; ~~and~~

forming and outputting an image on a transfer paper, by
10 using a conveyance path for conveying the transfer paper ~~[[,]]~~

from a start of ~~the feed~~ feeding of the transfer paper to an end
of ~~an exit~~ exiting of the transfer paper in the image forming
device; and

15 setting a number of reservation acceptable jobs N2 to
satisfy $N2 \geq N1$, based on the number N1, where N1 is a ~~wherein in~~
~~a case that the maximum number of the conveyed transfer paper~~
~~existing~~ papers that can be present at the same time on the
conveyance path of the transfer paper from the start of the ~~feed~~
feeding to the end of the ~~exit~~ exiting in ~~an~~ the image forming
20 device, ~~is defined as N1, and the number of the reservation~~
~~acceptable jobs is defined as N2, in the accepting, a reservation~~
~~which satisfies a condition of $N2 \geq 1$ is acceptable~~
 wherein the accepting of the reservations for the jobs is
performed in accordance with the set number of reservation
25 acceptable jobs N2.

11. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of
claim 10, further comprising:

5 receiving ~~an~~ image data by reading the image, wherein the
forming and the outputting is carried out based on the received
image data.

12. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of
claim 10, wherein when N2 number of reservations have been

~~accepted, the accepting is capable of accepting a reservation of~~
~~for a new job by exiting can be accepted when~~ the last page of
the current job exits the conveyance path.

13. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of
claim 10, wherein ~~in the accepting,~~ the maximum number N1 ~~of the~~
~~conveyed transfer paper existing at the same time on the~~
~~conveyance path of the transfer paper from the start of the feed~~
5 ~~to the end of the exit~~ is received [[,]] based on a main body
identification signal.

14. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of
claim 13, wherein ~~in the accepting,~~ the number N2 of the
reservation acceptable jobs is ~~decided,~~ set based on the number
N1 received based on the main body identification signal.

15. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of
claim 10, further comprising:

displaying ~~various~~ information on a display unit,

wherein the displaying is carried out ~~by displaying on the~~
5 ~~display unit~~ according to the number N2 of the reservation
acceptable jobs.

16. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of claim 15, wherein the displaying ~~is carried out by~~ comprises displaying a tag or a job display area ~~, which correspond~~ corresponding to the number N2 of the reservation acceptable jobs.

17. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of claim 10, further comprising:

~~the displaying, various information on the a display unit, wherein the displaying is carried out by displaying the display~~
5 ~~area, the a number of the display areas corresponding to the~~
number N2 of the reservation acceptable ~~job jobs~~; and

wherein the displaying is carried out by assigning information about the ~~job, of jobs for~~ which the ~~reservation is~~ reservations are accepted [[,]] to ~~each the~~ each job display ~~area~~
10 areas in one to one relation.

18. (Currently Amended) The image forming method of claim 10, wherein the conveyance path of the transfer paper from the start of the ~~feed~~ feeding to the end of the ~~exit~~ exiting in the image forming device comprises a conveyance path in ~~the a~~ a finisher.